

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re the Application of:**

James W. WARNER et al.  
  
Serial No.: 10/656,800  
  
Filed: September 5, 2003  
  
For: METHOD AND MECHANISM FOR  
HANDLING ARBITRARILY-SIZED XML  
IN SQL OPERATOR TREE

Group Art Unit: 2168  
  
Examiner: Morrison, Jay A.  
  
Confirmation No. 7105

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 9, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

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